



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
Department of Homeland Security

Washington, DC 20528 / www.oig.dhs.gov

September 18, 2019

Dhruv Mehrotra

Subject: OIG Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2019-IGFO-00238
Fee Estimate

Dear Mr. Mehrotra:

This letter provides a fee estimate applicable to processing your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG), dated September 10, 2019, seeking all records and communications related to 131 DHS OIG complaints. Your request was received in this office on September 10, 2019.

For your awareness, your request likely totals over 2,600 pages of records (approximately 20 pages per complaint) and potentially several hundred pages of emails.

The fees that may be assessed to process a FOIA request vary depending on the category into which the FOIA requester falls. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(ii)(I),(II),(III). Based on your request, we have determined that you are in the “all other,” non-commercial, requester category. Pursuant to the DHS implementing regulations, 6 C.F.R. § 5.11, “all other” requesters are responsible for paying 10-cents per page for duplication, although the first 100 pages are free, as are the first two hours of search time, after which you will pay the per quarter-hour rate of \$10.25 of the searcher. It is estimated that it would take approximately 22 hours to search for the responsive complaints. It is estimated that it would take 10 hours to search for the responsive emails. Based on this information, is estimated that the total overall fee to search for records responsive to your request will equal approximately \$1,230.00.

Since the total estimated fee exceeds \$250, you must make an advance payment of an amount up to the amount of the entire anticipated fee before we can begin to process your request. 6 C.F.R. § 5.11(i). As such, please submit to this office within 30 days of the date of this letter, your check or money order for the amount of the total estimated fees (\$1,230.00), made payable to the United States Treasury. Please mail your payment to this office at the following address:

DHS-OIG Office of Counsel
FOIA Unit
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245 Murray Lane, SW
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In the alternative, you may narrow the scope of your request to reduce the universe of responsive records. If you wish to narrow the scope of your request, please send an amended request and indicate the processing fee amount you are willing to pay within 30 business days from the date of this letter. You may send your amended request to the address above or via e-mail to foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov.

If we do not receive an advance payment of \$1,230.00 or an amended request from you within 30 business days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in obtaining the records. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact us at 202-981-6100.

Sincerely,

Drew Lavine

Drew Lavine
OIG Office of Counsel